

Dear NAB,

Not sure if it is too late but here goes. Are you insane? Are you the same people that have made it impossible for me to get decent weather coverage from my satellite TV service as well? Because living here in the Midwest let me tell you it isn't also so convenient to sit and watch for the WeatherChannel for 30 minutes to find out if we have a tornado coming our way. It would be a shame if the same thing happens with Satellite Radio. Perhaps instead of just whining that someone else is doing it better the mainstream stations should figure out how to do a better job themselves.

I've had XM Radio for about 3 months now and love it (came with my new GMC Envoy) but I still listen to the local stations, too. I still listen to NPR and KSHE and all the other stations I've listened to for years. We have an excellent talk station here in the St. Louis area - KMOX - that provides great weather and traffic. Unfortunately they don't provide it constantly like the XM station does. Drive around St. Louis rush hour traffic for a few years and you'll see the value of constant traffic updates. When you need to decide RIGHT NOW whether to take 270 or 55 into town you can't wait for the local radio stations to finish with their commercials to give you timely updates.

The bottom line is I CHOOSE to pay for this service so that I have the CHOICE to wait for local news from local stations OR grab it immediately from XM - WHEN I NEED IT. I don't think the NAB or anyone else should have the right to tell me what brands to buy, where to shop for them, or what radio stations to turn into for traffic & weather.